

## ABSTRACT

A nontoxic and environmentally compatible insect control, *e.g.*, a liquid spray, for eradicating insects includes an aqueous solution or dispersion of a surfactant that is present in a sufficient amount to debilitate or kill the insects and a thickener. The surfactant can be any synthetic detergent such as sodium lauryl sulfate and the thickener is preferably a water soluble or dispersable thickening agent. Optional components include a source of biocompatible cations, a salt and preservative. A method is disclosed for releasing an insect control composition when the insect is sensed, *e.g.*, by means of a microphone and for attracting the insect to the microphone or other sensing means.